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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-11,14-19 and 22-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-11,14-19 and 22-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/13/2006 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 6-11, 14-19 and 22-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-11, 14-15, 17-19 and 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellis et al. (U.S. Patent Publication Application No. 2005/0028208) in view of Elliot (U.S. Patent No. 6,473,097).

Referring to claim 1, Ellis discloses receiving EPG selection entered over the Internet via a remote device (see Paragraphs 0014-0016).

Ellis also discloses storing the EPG selections on a storage device (see Paragraph 0072 for the remote program guide access device storing the EPG data).

Ellis also discloses transmitting the EPG selections to be displayed when requested (see Paragraph 0016 for making program selections remotely, which will be displayed on the TV).

Ellis is silent as to the EPG selection being entered via a web-enabled cellular phone.

Elliot discloses (in the same field of endeavor) a cellular phone that receives/transmits data over the Internet via radio frequencies (see Column 3, Lines 36-46 and Column 4, Lines 36-46).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, to combine the systems of Ellis and Elliot in order to provide a system capable of utilizing a mobile phone having EPG capability as a remote controller, thereby providing the user with extended functionality and control and allowing the user to reserve programs from remote locations.

Referring to claims 2 and 3, Ellis discloses storing EPG selections on a broadcast server and set top box (see Paragraph 0017 and Figure 2).

Referring to claim 4, Ellis further discloses the remote terminal can be a PDA (see Paragraph 0092).

Referring to claim 6, Ellis further discloses that the system displays EPOG selection on the remote terminal when requested (see Paragraph 0015).

Referring to claim 7, in light of the combined disclosures used to rejection claim 6, claim 7 would be an obvious variant. Transmitting EPG data to multiple remote terminals is obvious in light of the disclosure of Ellis already teaching transmittal to one remote terminal.

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the teaching of Ellis in order to provide multiple separate devices, thereby allowing multiple users to utilize the system concurrently.

Referring to claims 9-11 and 14-15, see the rejection of claims 1-3 and 6-7, respectively.

Referring to claims 17-19 and 22-23, see the rejection of claims 1-3 and 6-7, respectively.

4. Claims 8, 16 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellis et al. (U.S. Patent Publication Application No. 2005/0028208) in view of Elliot (U.S. Patent No. 6,473,097) in further view of Terakado et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,246,441).

Referring to claim 8, Ellis and Elliot disclose all of the limitations of claim 6, but is silent as to transmitting one or more programs to be separately displayed concurrently with displaying the EPG selections.

Terakado discloses (in the same field of endeavor) a similar system which is capable of allowing a user to view a program broadcast on the television while concurrently viewing the EPG data on the remote terminal (see Column 9, Lines 47-53).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the system of Ellis, using the teachings of Terakado in order to provide a system capable of allowing the user to view broadcast programs simultaneously while viewing EPG data, thus allowing other persons to continue viewing the broadcast without being disturbed by the one viewer who desires to search the EPG data.

Referring to claims 16 and 24, see the rejection of claim 8.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason P. Salce whose telephone number is (571) 272-7301. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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June 19, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Salce", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.